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**KANSAS BULLETIN NO. KS260-15-2**

**SUBJECT: INF—Kansas State Fair**

**Action required by:** June 15, 2015

**Purpose.** To announce booth hosting at the Kansas State Fair

**Expiration Date.** September 30, 2015

The Kansas Conservation Partnership fair booth is moving locations this year! The Partnership—the Kansas Association of Conservation Districts (KACD), the Division of Conservation (DOC) within the Kansas Department of Agriculture, and the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)—will be educating youth at the Soil Tunnel Trailer at Agriland!

Several Kansas commodity groups and the Kansas Department of Agriculture operate Agriland in the Pride of Kansas Building at the Kansas State Fair. Agriland is an interactive, hands-on, agricultural exhibition that teaches children and adults about the importance of agriculture and its impact on the state of Kansas. Agriland takes advantage of the state fair opportunity to educate fairgoers by showing how various organizations that have some of the same concerns and interests come together to promote agriculture.

Kids will learn important facts about how Kansas farmers grow and store wheat, corn, grain, sorghum, and soybeans at the grain elevator. Kids can even weigh themselves on livestock scales and compare their weight to the informative chart with average weights of all kinds of Kansas livestock and agricultural commodities.

Every day we walk on soil, but cannot really see what is in the soil beneath our feet. The Soil Tunnel Trailer has solved this dilemma of teaching kids and adults about soils and we are looking for eager participants to work the booth this year!

There will be two shifts daily and those will run from 9 am—3 pm and 3 pm—9 pm with the exception of the first day (11 am—4 pm and 4 pm—9 pm) and last day (9 am—2 pm and 2 pm—7 pm). Attachment 1 shows sign-up times available.

Employees interested in working at the booth should submit the 2015 Kansas State Fair Worker Application (Attachment 2) for consideration by Monday, June 15, 2015, through proper channels to Diane Edwards, state office.

If necessary and appropriate, with prior approval, overtime/compensatory time and per diem will be allowed for employees. Mileage will be paid at the government advantage rate for use of a personal vehicle. Employees should charge their time to CTA-General. Gate tickets will be provided.

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